

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Grant

PIN	5550	COUNTY	Marin
APPLICANT	Tomales Bay Watershed Council Foundation	AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$459,900
PROJECT TITLE	Marin County ICWM Plan and Assessment	TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$644,900

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Develop an ICWM Plan for coastal Marin County and conduct detailed assessment and outreach related to management of facilities that may deliver pollution to surface waters, specifically municipal runoff facilities and septic systems.

WORK PLAN - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has a detailed and specific work plan that adequately documents the proposal. Weighting factor is 3.

Score: 12

Comment: Work plan is concise and well-organized. Schedule and budget are appropriate for the proposed tasks. Tasks focus on identifying impact on ASBS and management actions for ASBSs and CCAs in the region. Process and outcomes are clearly stated. The proposed ICWMP will address major water supply, water reliability, flood control, and water quality issues of the coastal region. Funding match exceeds the required 25% amount. The proposal could have scored higher if the applicant provided greater detail on how the assessments will be conducted; and offered more detail on techniques/protocols, general areas of data collection in each ASBS, and planned milestones.

DESCRIPTION OF REGION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented a detailed and specific description that adequately documents the region. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: The proposal includes a thorough description of region, land uses, water sources and existing infrastructure, agency authorities and roles, and water quality concerns. Ecological processes, environmental resources, social and economic makeup of region are also well presented. ASBS's are described geographically but the proposal lacks information on their relation to surrounding land uses and relevant discharges.

OBJECTIVES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific planning objectives. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 8

Comment: Objectives are presented, but how they were determined is not explained. The applicant notes that the ICWMP will address issues including lack of storage, impacts of water withdrawal on threatened aquatic species, water supply reliability, water quality, water delivery, and flood control. The proposal does address some statewide priorities such as the pathogen TMDL for Tomales Bay.

INTEGRATION OF WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented how water management strategies will be integrated. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 8

Comment: The applicant provides an example list of management documents and how they relate to specific strategies in an overall framework but no details are provided. Additional task and budget may be necessary under element #1 (Develop ICWMP) to provide funding for any needed re-analysis of existing water supply data or collection of additional data to fill in gaps. The proposed plan could be more coordinated with elements of the CCA Action Plan in terms of specific assessment strategies and plan components. The proposal could have scored higher if the assessment and plan strategies were more clearly stated.

IMPLEMENTATION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately detailed plan implementation. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 8

Comment: The proposal does not present a general schedule of implementation post plan adoption. However, the applicant does state that an implementation time line will be presented in the final ICWMP. The institutional structure of implementation is explained as the continued partnership of Tomales Bay Watershed Council (TBWC) and the water agencies with a TBWC subcommittee dedicated to implementation. The applicant states that the subcommittee will monitor the progress of implementation and direct necessary changes if goals are not being met.

IMPACTS AND BENEFITS - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately presented and documented the impacts and benefits of the Plan. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 10

Comment: The applicant states that the proposed plan includes an assessment of benefits and impacts of plan implementation. The applicant proposes to have the impacts and benefits of the plan peer reviewed and commented upon by outside specialists. The Proposal addresses CEQA needs and implementing agencies are well-equipped to comply.

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DATA AND TECHNICAL ANALYSIS - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific data and technical analysis components of the proposal. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 4

Comment: The applicant states that in developing the ICWMP, management plans and technical studies will be evaluated. The proposal includes integration of ASBS assessment in the final plan. The proposal does not present detailed and specific data and technical analysis components. There is no detail on how existing technical studies and analyses will be evaluated. The Proposal could be improved by specifying proposed parameters for sewer outfall monitoring.

DATA MANAGEMENT - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific data management procedures. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: The data management process is defined and includes evidence of demonstrated capability by National Park Service and County of Marin to implement a program. Data management will be designed for compatibility with statewide databases.

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented stakeholder involvement concerns. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: The proposal includes a wide range of stakeholders representing all watershed interests. The applicant describes the general stakeholder involvement through integration with the TBWC and has provided numerous options for stakeholder input and identification of additional stakeholders. The TBWC as a whole does not appear to be a technical group, and formation of a Technical Advisory Committee may be needed to specifically deal with the technical aspects of this planning proposal. Measures should also be taken to coordinate with local groups that are already collecting water quality data (e.g., Salmon Protection and Watershed Network in San Geronimo Valley).

DISADVANTAGE COMMUNITIES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented disadvantaged community concerns. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 3

Comment: The applicant indicates the region includes the largest portion of Latino residence in Marin County and the lowest median income. The applicant also mentions fishers, Mari culture, and clamming communities. The applicant states that an ICWMP addressing water quality issues will benefit these communities. It is not clear what the specific water supply/quality needs of these communities are. A better explanation of direct benefit from the ICWMP to these communities would be helpful in understanding the relationship of the ICWMP to the DACs. The proposal could have scored higher if applicant addressed outreach and involvement of these groups in the planning process.

RELATION TO LOCAL PLANNING - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented the Plan's relationship to local planning efforts. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: The proposal includes a comprehensive list of local planning documents that will form the basis of the ICWMP. The applicant also explains how the local documents do not address the larger scale issues. The ICWMP will be consistent with and integrate local plans and ultimately take precedence over local plans as agreed upon during the plan adoption.

AGENCY COORDINATION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented agency coordination issues. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: The applicant indicates the National Park Service and Marin County Supervisors Office are involved as stakeholders and offer full coordination with the proposed ICWMP. Through the institutional structure of the TBWC, there is coordination with stakeholders. Stakeholders include public agencies with regulatory responsibility; therefore the potential for significant agency coordination exists.

TOTAL SCORE: 78